

City of Milpitas
Facilities Naming Subcommittee
City Hall 4th Floor Conference Room
Meeting Notes
Wednesday, November 22, 2006

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

- I. Flag Salute** Councilmember Livengood led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. Call to Order** Councilmember Livengood called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
Attendees: Vice Mayor Armando Gomez;
Councilmember Bob Livengood
Mark Rogge, CIP Manager, City of Milpitas
- III. Citizens Forum**
- None
- IV. Announcements**
- None
- V. Items for Discussion / Action**
- A. Valley Health Center – Historical Plaques - Update**
- Mr. Mark Rogge presented the Committee with an update on information for placing historical plaques to honor early Milpitas physicians: Dr. Albert R. Currlin; Dr. Sal Cracolice; and Dr. Rensaeler Smith.
 - The Milpitas Historical Society and the Milpitas POST are helping to provide information.
 - Information was learned about Dr. Albert R. Currlin, including his medical service to the Milpitas community, delivering about 3,500 babies and providing general medical practice. Dr. Currlin was on the staff of Alexian Brothers Hospital, San Jose Hospital, and O’Conner Hospital. He also served as the 1st staff president of Alexian Brothers Hospital, staff president of O’Conner Hospital; and as president of: the County Academy of General Practice; the County Medical Society; and the County Heart Association. Dr. Currlin donated his services one day a week during a large portion of his career.
 - The County has not formally replied to the City’s letter requesting plaques in the new Valley Health Center, but has indicated interest in the idea.
- B. Other Nominations – Michael Mihalakis**
- Councilmember Livengood received a letter from Kristine Mihalakis Flores, nominating her brother, Michael Mihalakis for placement on the streets naming list. Michael Mihalakis was killed during his service in the Army in Iraq. Ms. Mihalakis Flores also filled out the City Streets, Parks, and Facilities Naming Suggestion Form. Michael’s name was previously placed on the Veterans’ Memorial plaque.
 - The Subcommittee unanimously recommended that the City Council add Michael Mihalakis’ name to the list of potential street names. When selected the street sign should indicate his Veteran’s status.
- VI. Set Next Meeting Date**
- Next meeting is set for January 17, 2007
- VII. Adjournment** Meeting adjourned at 5:50 PM.

Facilities Naming Subcommittee, Potential Street Names
Latest revision November 22, 2006

Boetcher
Cardoza
Chen
Costa
Crandall
Diaz
Ebbie
Gurley
Hivner
Hobs

Mihalakis, (Michael George, deceased veteran, Iraq) (considered 11-22-06, pending)

McDermott (added – 05/17/06)

Ohlone
Rader
Souza
Wall

Recently assigned names:

Belshaw (Milpitas Town Center Villas, Shapell, 9/22/06)

Bettencourt (Paragon – D.R. Horton, 05/17/06)

Ede (Paragon – D.R. Horton, 05/17/06)

Shaughnessy (Milpitas Town Center Villas, Shapell, 09/22/06)

Snell (Paragon – D.R. Horton, 05/17/06)

CITY OF MILPITAS

City Streets, Parks, and Facilities Naming Suggestion Form

Please include relevant information and fill out all blanks in a clear legible manner. Forms with incomplete or missing information may limit their consideration. Submit form to the City Clerk.

General:

Request submitted by:

Kristine Flores

11/20/06

Nominator's Name (first, last)

Date

480 W. Sierra Ave Apt 135

559-930-3960

Nominator's Address (No., street, State, zip code)

Phone Numbers

I request that

Michael George Mihalakis

name be considered

Nominee's Full Name or Word (as applicable)

when naming a City

STREET

PARK

BUILDING

or other

FACILITY

Circle one or more (as applicable)

Information about Nominee:

05-09-85

12-26-03

48 Berrendo Dr., Milpitas

406 Coelho St., Milpitas

Date of Birth

"Alive" or Date Deceased

Original Home Address

Later Home Address (if applicable)

Student

N/A

N/A

Major Occupation(s)

Original Business Address

Later Business Address (if applicable)

Military - Army - Military Police - Operation Iraqi Freedom

Veteran's Status (if applicable): Branch of Military Service Rank Service Years War, Conflict Battle, or Theatre Honors

Background:

Briefly describe why this nominee should be honored. Describe historical information, Veteran's status, significant service to the community, special contribution to arts, sciences, humanities, literature, athletics, or other notable accomplishments, or other relevant information. Attach separate sheet if necessary.

See attached letter

What is your (nominator's) relationship to the nominee? (Relative, co-worker, friend, associate, etc.)

relative - brother

Councilmember Robert Livengood
455 East Calaveras Boulevard
Milpitas, California 95035

October 19, 2006

Dear Mr. Livengood,

The word "hero" means different things to different people. For me, it's a loving brother, son, and friend. For others, it is someone who is willing to give his life for the freedom of others. Michael Mihalakis was both.

When Michael arrived in Iraq in the spring of 2003, fresh out of high school, he faced extreme adversity and poverty for the first time. Patrolling the streets of Baghdad, he saw a different world from where he grew up in Milpitas. He proved to be a compassionate soldier, giving Iraqi children food and water during his patrol.

Two weeks before he was scheduled to come home, on the day after Christmas, George and Diana Mihalakis received the tragic news no parents should ever have to endure; their only son was a casualty of war. Although Michael was killed in a non-combat related accident, he paid the ultimate price sacrificing his life for the freedom of others. He was just 18 years old, and the only Milpitas resident to be killed in a war since Vietnam.

As the third year anniversary of his death approaches, I am respectfully requesting that a street be named in his honor. Even though Michael moved to San Luis Obispo after he graduated high school to attend college, he never forgot Milpitas. By naming a street after him, I hope Milpitas will never forget about him.

Sincerely,


Kristine Mihalakis Flores